
In the house of representatives of the United States.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1814.

Read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the naval establishment.

An Act

Authorising the president of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries for the defence of the waters of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in congress assembled, That the*
3 sum of five hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is here-
4 by appropriated for the purpose of building, equipping, and put-
5 ting into service, one or more floating batteries, of such magnitude
6 and construction as shall appear to the president of the United
7 States best adapted to attack, repel, or destroy, any of the ships
8 of the enemy which may approach the shores or enter the waters
9 of the United States; and that the sum hereby appropriated shall
10 be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appro-
11 priated.

1814. February 15.

Passed the senate.

Attest,

SAM. A. OTIS, *secretary*.